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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL GROUP (AUGMENTED)

From: Office, Chief of Operations
Subject: Progress, Operation Mongoose

Internal Situation. The team introduced into Oriente Province on 4-5 June reported that Cuban security measures made operations in that area difficult. An allegation of Raul Castro on June 25 concerning the destruction of a team in Oriente is being checked, but to date this report is not accepted as fact.

On 21-22 June a maritime operation to emplace a cache of arms and demolitions was accomplished without incident.

Defector. Roig, the commercial officer who defected from the Cuban Embassy in Mexico, has provided the names of other Cuban G-2 personnel abroad. This information was used to alert U.S. agencies in Canada, Uruguay, Brazil, Mexico and Chile. On 23 June, Roig appeared at a CRC sponsored press conference in Miami, which was attended by more than 40 press, radio, and TV representatives. VOA is giving full coverage to press conferences of Roig.

Propaganda Effort. The VOA and USIA press service continued coverage on the Cardenas incident involving government police suppression of food shortage demonstrators. The deteriorating economic situation, mismanagement, and the disadvantageous trade pattern with the Soviets have been publicized. Additional stories have been played on food, housing and transport shortages, and the Myth of the land distribution program.

26th of July Propaganda Theme. CIA stations in 14 countries were provided with propaganda guidance designed to exploit the theme of Castro's betrayal of the revolution, particularly in connection with the 26th of July Anniversary. The station chiefs were to coordinate actions with local State and USIA representatives.

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~~Ways Castro Political Program.~~ State has developed guidelines for dealing with the Castro-Communist regime falls. Copies of this document will be made available for information and use in Mongoose planning.

Evidence of Cuban Subversion. State reports that during his visit, President-elect Vallencia of Colombia was urged to present evidence of Cuban subversive activity to the OAS Consultative Committee on Security in order to facilitate collective action.

Contingency Planning. The Department of Defense Representative reports that the preparation of an Inter-Agency Contingency Plan is well underway.

Labor Pamphlet. The USIA's Press Reproduction Center in Mexico has published a pamphlet on Cuban labor, "Cuban Unions Come Full Circle," for distribution and reproduction throughout Latin America.

DOD Operations Representative. Effective 1 July, Brig. Gen. B. T. Harris, USA will replace Brig. Gen. William H. Craig as DOD Operations Representative.

Chief of Operations. General Lansdale is now in the Miami area on a brief survey trip in connection with future priorities schedules. He will report to members of the Special Group (Augmented) upon his return.

"Eyes Only" copies to:

- 1. General Taylor
- 2. Mr. [redacted] ← ← ←
- 3. Mr. [redacted]
- 4. Mr. [redacted]

- 5. Mr. Kennedy
- 6. General Lemnitner
- 7. Chief of Operations

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